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PROCUREMENT OF SUB STANDARD MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any irregularities and administrative mismanagement have been found in procurement of medicines in the CGHS dispensaries/ Government hospitals in Delhi; f

(b) if so, the number of cases of procurement of poor quality medicines for the CGHS dispensaries/ Government hospitals detected during the last two years and the action taken in such cases;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the working of the said dispensaries/ hospitals; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b): Medicines to CGHS dispensaries are procured and supplied on the basis the list of finalised generic drugs through Medical Stores Depot (MSD) and Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (HSCC). Before the medicines are dispatched by the firms, samples of the medicines are tested and are also inspected by officials from the CGHS. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has not come across supply of poor quality medicines.

(c)&(d): Improvement in functioning of CGHS is a continuous process and simplification of its procedure to make it more user friendly. Empanelment of private hospitals and diagnostic centres, to complement the facilities available to the beneficiaries under CGHS is a major step aimed at providing medical facilities round the clock. Empanelment of hospitals and diagnostic centres is a continuous process and more private hospitals and diagnostic centres can come into the empanelled category at any point of time. Computersation of CGHS in a phased manner has been taken up, setting up of Advisory/Grievance redressal Committee at the dispensary level and also a pilot project has already been initiated to out-source the settlement of MRC claims through Third Party Administrators, a process has also been initiated to prepare a CGHS Manual for information of the beneficiaries. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to provide the best facilities to the beneficiaries in terms of highly trained technical manpower, latest machinery and equipment etc.